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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER THANOM ON RTG RELATIONS WITH CHILE

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1. PRIME MINISTER THANOM KITTIKACHORN GAVE A PRESS
CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 19. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANS-
LATION OF HIS COMMENTS ON THAI RELATIONS WITH CHILE.

REPORTER: WILL THE THAI GOVERNMENT EXTEND
RECOGNITION TO THE NEW REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT IN
CHILE?

THANOM: CHILE HAS NEVER CAUSED ANY TROUBLE
WHATSOEVER TO THAILAND AND FROM INFORMATION I HAVE
RECEIVED, THIS NEW CHILEAN GOVERNMENT IS PRO FREE
DEMOCRACY. SINCE THAILAND IS A FREE DEMOCRATIC
COUNTRY I BELIEVE THAT RECOGNITION WILL BE EXTENDED
TO IT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. COMMENT: A MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL INFORMED
US SEPTEMBER 24 THAT THAILAND HAS NOT YET IN FACT EXTENDED
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS TO CHILE. HE DOES, HOWEVER, ANTICIPATE
THAT THE THAI AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA WILL BE INSTRUCTED
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TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN CHILE.

WHILE THE IMPLICATION IS THAT THIS WILL BE DONE
RELATIVELY SOON, HE DID NOT INDICATE ANY SPECIFIC TIME
FRAME.
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